



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Michael H.B. Stowell et al. Art Unit : 1711
Serial No. : 09/934,989 Examiner : Jeffrey C. Mullis
Filed : August 21, 2001 Confirmation No.: 8355
Notice of Allowance Date: February 5, 2004
Title : SOL-GEL ENCAPSULATION OF LIPID VESICLES, LIPID MEMBRANES
AND PROTEINS

MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

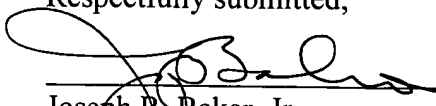
In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 5, 2004 and the Supplemental Notice of Allowance mailed February 26, 2004, enclosed are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b and a check for \$995 for the required issue fee and publication fee, including patent copies.

Pursuant to MPEP 713.04, Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview of February 26, 2004. Applicants' representative discussed the status of claim 17. The Examiner indicated a Supplemental Notice of Allowance would be mailed indicating claim 17 was allowable.

Please apply any additional charges or credits to our Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Date: 4/16/04

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph R. Baker, Jr.
Reg. No. 40,900

Fish & Richardson P.C.
PTO Customer No. 20985
12390 El Camino Real
San Diego, California 92130
Telephone: (858) 678-5070
Facsimile: (858) 678-5099
10386650.doc

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit April 16, 2004
Signature Teri Barnett
Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate Teri Barnett